

Update for Week of January 13, 2014

Kudos to Mayor Winstead for heading up the 12th woman/man rally at City Hall to cheer on the Seahawks! Go Hawks!! Video and some pictures of the rally have been posted to the City's website and Facebook page. Here's a link to the video

<http://shorelinewa.gov/community/news/-item-1599>

January 13, 2014 Council Meeting

Dinner Meeting – 10 Year Financial Sustainability Sub-Committee (Winstead, Eggen, Salomon)

- This was the first meeting of the Council subcommittee to review information related to the 10-year Financial Sustainability Plan. The City Council has a goal to develop a 10-year Financial Sustainability Plan to achieve sufficient fiscal capacity to fund and maintain priority public services, facilities, and infrastructure. The subcommittee consists of Mayor Winstead, Deputy Mayor Eggen, and Councilmember Salomon.

Business Meeting

- *Proclamation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* Representatives of the Ballinger Teens received the proclamation.
- *Metro Service Reductions:* Council was updated on the proposed bus service cuts currently under consideration by King County Metro Transit.
- *145th Street Discussion:* Council was updated on the activities surrounding the potential annexation of 145th Street by the City. Staff anticipates that ownership of 145th will enhance the potential to acquire federal and state grants to improve the road and pedestrian facilities for Shoreline residents, transit, future light rail station, and enhance transportation connections for economic development of primary connecting corridors. Council provided direction to start a Route Development Plan which will help identify needed improvements to this road to enable transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists to connect efficiently and safely with the future Shoreline Light Rail Station and enhance the regional connections that this road provides to not only Shoreline, but Lake Forest Park, Bothell and Kenmore. Development of this corridor will certainly help further the vision of our community as it has connections to major corridors throughout the City including Aurora, the Shoreline Community College, Aurora Square, Fircrest, and other primary north-south routes. The Council is scheduled to discuss this item again on March 3.

Future Council Meetings

- *January 20* – No Meeting - Martin Luther King Birthday Observance
- *January 27*
 - *Regular Meeting*
 - Appointment of Vadim Dolgov to two one-year terms as a youth representative on the Park/Tree Board.
 - Discussion of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Council Work Sessions

- **February 8 (Saturday) , 8:30 to 2 p.m., City Council Chambers**
 - Topics: Grants; 185th Light Rail Station Area Design/Zoning Recommendations; Council Operations
- **Annual Goal Setting Work Session - April 11/12 (Friday/Saturday), Tentative Start at Noon and finish on Saturday by 2 p.m.**

Point Wells Update

Pre-Scoping Workshop sponsored by the City will be held Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the City Hall Lobby & Council Chambers. An Open House will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. to allow residents to ask questions one-on-one with staff about the Snohomish County scoping process and other questions related to the proposed project and the environmental review process. At 7:00 p.m. the workshop will start with an explanation of what to expect in the Snohomish County environmental review process, a highlight of the City's draft comments, and then there will be break-out stations on specific topics for attendees to provide comments and to discuss with staff how to effectively write a scoping comment.

SPU Acquisition Update

SPU and City staff have completed negotiations on the acquisition agreement. SPU staff stated that they believed the agreement was complete with the exception of the price, which could be modified by the Seattle City Council. However, SPU staff has assured us that they believe the \$26.6 million is an accurate price and that they support the methodology agreed to by both SPU and Shoreline and used to arrive at that price.

Ronald Wastewater Assumption Update

I have been told that the RWD Commissioners plan to discuss potentially dismissing the suit against the City at their meeting on January 14. If RWD dismisses the suit, then City staff would recommend that Council authorize dismissal of the City's counterclaims.

Aurora Update – 192nd – 205th

We are holding a "Meet the Contractor" meeting on Tuesday, January 14, in the Council Chambers for businesses. Properties along the corridor have all been invited. This provides an opportunity for the businesses to meet the contractor, the inspection team and staff and to hear more about the project including the schedule. The City will issue the Notice to Proceed to Gary Merlino on January 27. We expect construction to commence shortly thereafter. We have hired EnviroIssues as our communications lead on the project. They will staff the 24 hour hotline, reach out to businesses prior to activities, etc.

Transportation Funding

King County Executive Dow Constantine, will be recommending to the County Council to put a transportation funding package on the April ballot. The proposed package will be a combination of a \$60 vehicle license fee (VLF) and a 0.1% sales tax through the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) statutes. The VLF will stack on top of the City's existing \$20 VLF (if passed, Shoreline residents will pay \$80 VLF with \$20 coming to the Shoreline TBD and \$60 to the King County TBD). The funding is to be used to restore funding for Metro services and for local

transportation needs. The Executive has discussed a 60/40 split with 60% of funding going to Metro and 40% being allocated to unincorporated King County and to cities based on population. Under this formula we anticipate Shoreline's allocation would be approximately \$1.3 million annually. Many cities have indicated that they will only support this proposal if the 60/40 split is included in the legislation.

This & That

- *Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI)*: The University of Oregon's SCI has issued a report featuring projects across the United States that support sustainability. Shoreline's Aurora projects is one of the 25 projects that they have featured! Aurora is one of seven projects featured in the western half of the US.
- *Metro E-Line Launch (February 14-15)*: The official launch by Metro is scheduled for February 15, but they are also planning a soft launch on Friday, February 14.
- *Currents newsletter*: In an effort to ensure we are providing the best and most relevant information, we are looking for 25 to 30 people to participate in an online survey of the City's Currents newsletter. We want to know what you like and don't like about Currents and what you may want to see done differently. If you are interested in participating, contact Currents editor Eric Bratton at eb RATTON@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2217. The survey will be conducted the last week of January.